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SUBJECT: BARITE IMPORT MARKET UPDATE

BUMINES FOR FULKERSON FROM SWEETWOOD

1. SWAZILAND BARYTES LTD OWNER D.G. KLIPIN IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING DRILLING MUD-ORIENTED MARKET STUDY ON WORLD BARITE DEMANDS, WITH EMPHASIS ON US IMPORTS AND PURCHASES BY AMERICAN CONSUMERS ELSEWHERE (E.G. PERSIAN GULF, NORTH AFRICA ETC).

2. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HELP VIA COMMODITY DATA SUMMARIES, TRADE JOURNALS AND PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF COMMODITY BUT URGENTLY NEED UPDATE ON 1975 (PRELIMINARY) IMPORT AND CONSUMPTION ESTIMATES IN US, CURRENT PRICES AND BUMINES OUTLOOK (IMPORTS AND CONSUMPTION) THROUGH 1980.

3. WE ARE AWARE OF TRADITIONAL US BUYERS AND CONSUMERS OF BARITE, BUT HELPFUL ADDITION TO CURRENT STUDY WOULD BE INDICATORS BUMIINES MAY HAVE RECENTLY RECEIVED AS TO CHANGES IN ROSTER AND/OR BUYER-INQUIRIES ON POSSIBLE NEW SOURCES OF SUPPLY.

4. RELIABLE REPORTS FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN KLIPIN INDICATE THAT HIS (PRIVATE SECTOR) FIRMS OCCURRENCE IS EXCEPTIONAL AS TO SIZE, GRADE AND MINABILITY. RAIL FREIGHT TO LOURENCO MARQUES, MOZAMBIQUE, OR TO NEW (1976) RICHARDS BAY PORT IN SOUTH AFRICA ALSO APPEARS UNCLASSIFIED

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FAVORABLE. REGIONAL METALS AND MINERALS OFF SWEETWOOD PLANS NOVEMBER

VISIT TO SWAZILAND AND WHILE IN THE AREA
WILL VISIT KLIPINS PROPERTY FOR FIRST-HAND ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL.
YOUR EARLY RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE REQUESTS WILL THEREFORE BE
APPRECIATED, AND WILL CONTRIBUTE IMPORTANTLY TO OUR EFFORT
TO ASSURE APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE.
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